

The Federal Lakes Recreation Leadership Council
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Dear Council Member:

We are pleased to announce the launching of the prime initiative of the Federal Lakes Recreation Leadership Council. As mentioned at our meeting on August 8, 2000, Vice President Gore joined the Council in signing the Charter designating the Federal Lakes Recreation Demonstration Program a National Partnership for Reinventing Government Laboratory (copy enclosed). This endorsement greatly facilitates our efforts to achieve the objectives adopted by the Council. We can now begin to identify pilot lakes where experiments can be conducted that will provide quality recreation experiences for the visiting public. The goal is to demonstrate how recreation at our increasingly popular federal lakes can be enhanced through application of more flexible innovative management actions in cooperation with involved stakeholders. Outcomes of the demonstration pilot projects might include new or revised agency recreation management policies, directives, regulations, communication tools, or legislation. This lab will serve as a model for future water related recreation management at federal lakes. New ideas, lessons learned and successes achieved, will be shared for the benefit of all the stakeholders. This letter explains the procedure that should be followed for the designation process.

In cooperation with managing partners and interested stakeholders, each participating agency is responsible for identifying those lakes it wants to have included in the demonstration program. To prevent inappropriate duplication of effort, the Council will make the final selection of the designated pilot lakes. Enclosed are criteria that should be considered in making your nominations. While there is no overall target number, it is anticipated the total could exceed 20. Each agency should have an appropriate representation of pilot lakes.

Funding to implement management actions at pilot lakes will come from funds within each agency's available base appropriations. Plans for proposed activities and accomplishment reports will need to be periodically submitted to the Council for information sharing and report preparation. A schedule for those submissions will be established at a later date after consultation with Council members.

The process to designate your agency's pilot lakes should begin immediately. **Please submit your list of lakes to Bruce Brown, Council Coordinator, at the above address no later than October 17, 2000.** Complete a nomination form (copy enclosed) for each lake you nominate. The Council will meet in mid-October, review the nominations, and officially designate the demonstration pilot lakes. The Council will

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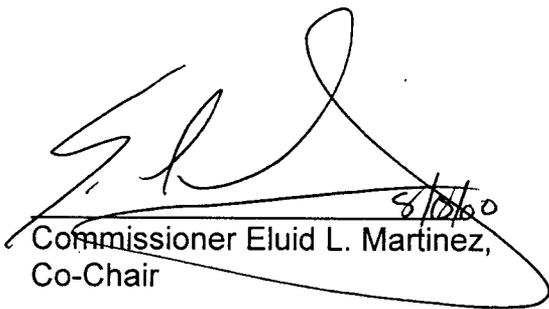
facilitate and communicate activities, and provide public information associated with the demonstration laboratory.

Also we plan to hold a workshop on pilot lake planning and management activities at the beginning of December 2000. The specific date and location has yet to be determined. Participants primarily will include the managers and key recreation staff of the pilot lakes, and other associated partners. Other recreation and management personnel may also be invited. The purpose of this workshop will be to kick off the demonstration program, share information on uniqueness and recreation management goals for each pilot lake, and discuss innovative management alternatives that could be applied at the lakes. The pilot lake managers will also develop a suggested reporting format and list other projects for the Council to consider. Followup workshops will be scheduled as needed.

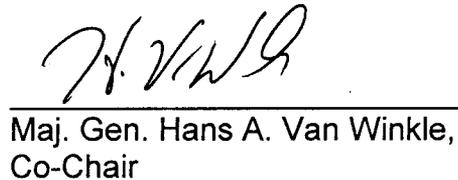
As co-chairs we are excited about the possibilities the demonstration program provides to work with our Federal, non-federal, Tribal, State and private sector partners in developing new approaches to providing enjoyable water related outdoor recreation experiences. It is our hope this effort will develop a better recognition of recreation at our federal water projects and facilitate the development of the facilities and services to meet the needs of the recreating public.

Sincerely,

Enclosures



Commissioner Eluid L. Martinez,
Co-Chair



Maj. Gen. Hans A. Van Winkle,
Co-Chair

For the Federal Lakes Recreation Leadership Council

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